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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 20 to 27 have been amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestions for overcoming the rejections under 35 USC 112. The amendments are made for the sake of clarity and to conform the claims to the telephonic election which is hereby affirmed. The expression "functional group" is defined in the specification on page 4, beginning at line 28, and the expression "reactive functional group" is defined on page 4, beginning at line 35. Claim 27 has been cancelled because (1) the recited polymers are species of what was originally referred to as the "sixth polymer" and not the (a)(iii) repeat unit of the "fifth polymer" and because the "sixth polymer" (now the "second polymer") of Claim 20 has been restricted by the current amendment to nylon 6 and nylon 6,6 in response to the restriction requirement.

The Examiner is asked to consider for search purposes the single species of Claim 20 (as amended), wherein:

for the first polymer

(a)(i): X = O, n = 0, R¹, R², R⁵, and R⁶ are all H.

(a)(ii): not present

(a)(iii): the repeat units are derived from methyl methacrylate, and the second polymer is nylon-6,6.

The examiner is respectfully asked to hold in abeyance the requirement for a terminal disclaimer until after there has been a finding of allowable subject matter.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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